OPENING GUN IS FIRED BY STANLEY

Thousands Attend Rally of **Kentucky Democrats** at Glasgow

Surgoo Is Served in Huge Quantities— Stanley Explains Democratic Plat-form and Says He Will Carry Out Good Road Pledges—Rousta the Republicans.

campaign for state, judicial and legislative offices.

The sparkling oratory of former
Congressman A. O. Stanley, their
nominee, pleased the multitude of
voters and co-laborers for the cause
of Democracy. Mr. Stanley spoke, in
part, as follows:

On the 31st day of August, 1915.



A. O. STANLEY.

faith of the Fathers, by adopting specifically pledging its nominees to the highest service of the commonwealth. Not the least important of its covenants was an unequivocal pledge to stabbernly oppose that most insidious foe to every righteous reform-'invisible government." On the same day, the Constitutional Convention of the State of New York heard from the lips of its President, Elihu-Root, a most startling declaration, the more surprising when you consider the previous political alignments of the speaker and the character of his auditors.

"What is," said Mr. Root, "the Government of this State, the Government of the Constitution? Oh. no; not half of the time or half * * * the Government of the State has presented two different lines of activity, one of the consti-

manding a pledge of faithful service the is got single soul in that reason, more significance should attach to the omission of such sificance should attach to the omissions in a political platform than in the things which are actually said, fort to try old enemy of this ticket. Prom the things which are said, you can, in a measure, determine what the tarm who wrote the Republican platform that the tarm that the tarm

about to do to them. Thus it will be seen there is an endless conflict between the advocates of honest government and these emissaries of plunder and privilege, who come to party kaders like Nicodemus by night, insisting upon silence and a covert understanding to commit the party to no policy which may result in the punishment of their crimes or the protection of the public.

Party Leaders Jubilant the utterances of its candidate. One is the solemn covenant of the many thousands of men and the other is perchance the private opinion of a single individual.

Analysis of the Republican Platform. For that reason, I shall in the very beginning, call your attention to a brief analysis of the declarations upon which all the candidates of the Re-publican Party stand and which has Glasgow, Ky, September 20.—Spectal trains conveyed thousands of Kentucky Democrats, from all sections of the state, to the noteworthy event of the formal opening of the Democratic campaign for state, judicial and legis-

On the 31st day of August, 1915, the Democracy of Kentucky in Convention assembled, rededicated itself to the service of the people and the ga, there is not a line, not a word, not a syllable against "invisible government," not a pledge to the people trument, not a pledge to the people to cleanse the Legislature of corruption or the corruption or the corruption or the corruption or the corruption of the to cleanse the Legislature of corruption or the corruptionist, not a sem-blance of an anti-lobby plank or an anti-trust declaration. Why in the name of reason and justice and com-mon sense, did not my distinguished

without a dissenting voice, a platform day in the very citadel of privilege

discerning public demands not high sounding professions of party loyalty but it demands explicit promises, the adoption of concrete reforms and the remedy of known abuses—the restraint of the activities of the lobby lat and the lawlessness of the trust. Such legislation while demanded by the people is peculiarly obnoxious to those who are to be affected by it and too often incur the implacable and noiseless hostility of 'invisible government.' The makers of party platforms, and the candidates upon them, often find themselves between the conflicting forces which Root as graphically described, the people demanding a pledge of faithful service than a decade in the public stands.

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is greater than the People's House Will the inteligent citizenship of Kentucky entired a party with power that knows nothing of invisible government, or, knowing, is too timid or too corrupt to give you its solemn pledge to destroy it? Or is it that those more potent and more silent than Mr. Morrow, high in him party's councia, the powers behind the throne, realize how easy it is to secure the dinews of war and the aid of all the cohorts, chicane and crookedness. If only they will agree to stand with their fingers on their lips and allow the Democratic party and its nominees alone to champion the cause of the oppressed against the oppressor and to advance unaided and unsustained against this unseen and inveterate foe of popular government, this all-pervading influence, deadly as the breath of the Upus or the Olivic, under whose blighting shade every impulse of honesty, every patriotic aspiration must wither and decay. I have never sought the suffrage of the people of Kentucky without formally reasserting my fixed and unakersble opposition to those influences which have too often made constitutional government a mockery and a sham, and constitutional officers not the servants of the people, but the tools and pawns of special interests. In a letter addressed to the public on December 19, 1912, I declared:

"The interests seeking special favors can never be tolerated by a party whose prime purpose is to strip those interests of every undue advantage and every privilege obtained by the operation of bad laws or the violation of good ones."
On January 17 last, in announcing my candidacy for Governor, I declared:
"If elected Governor of Kentucky I solemly and earnestly pledge the people of the commonwealth here and now that I will turn the calcium light upon the lobbyist and upon all who seek to secure positions of honor or privilege by any secret or unholy alliance with him."
The pledge made as a candidate I am prepared to keep as your nominee and as your Governor.

No Antitrust Plank.

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defensible and unjust and undemo-oratic control of government, and restoring it to the people to be ex-

power, either through public approval a dozen intelligent men and but one or the secret favor of this all-per vading and unseen influence known as "invisible government." Public men and policial organizations have displayed a morbid ingenuity in their efforts to secure the approval of an unsuspecting public by glittering generalities and meaningless platitudes while filling their slush funds from its finexhaustible coffers. An alert and discerning public demands not high sounding professions of party loyalty but it demanus explicit promises, the adoption of concrete reforms and the remedy of known abuses—the restraint of the activities of the lobby fat and the lawlessness of the trust. Such legislation while demanded by the speople is peculiarly obnoxious to those whe are to be affected by it, and no often incur the implementation of the conflicting forces which floot so these of the conflicting forces which floot so these, and noiseless hostility of 'Invisible and noiseless hostility of 'Invisible and noiseless hostility of 'Invisible and noiseless hostility decement from the accordance of the world, and index in the conflicting forces which floot so graphically described, the people de manding a pledge of faithful service and the knife to the hilt sprants of the interval of the called and the knife to the hilt sprants of the people and the promote of the interval of the interval of the conflicting forces which floot so graphically described, the people de manding a pledge of faithful service.

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